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[AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE]

To allow the Circulation of Bank Notes under TWENTY SHILLINGS, for a limited Time, and to reſtrain the future Iſſue of them, under certain Limitations, in *Ireland*.

Note.—*The Figures in the Margin denote the Number of the Folios in the written Copy.*

1 WHEREAS the Iſſue and Negotiation of Promiſſory Notes, in *Ireland*, for ſmall Sums, requires to be regulated; Preamble.

Be it therefore Enacted by the KING's Moſt Excellent MAJESTY, by and with the Advice and Conſent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That all Promiſſory Notes or Undertakings in Writing, being negotiable or transferrable, for any Sum or Sums of Money leſs than and not exceeding Twenty Shillings, or on which any Sum leſs than Twenty Shillings ſhall remain undiſcharged, which ſhall bear Date or be iſſued in *Ireland* at any Time after the Firſt Day of Auguſt One thouſand Eight hundred and Four, ſhall be and the ſame are hereby declared to be abſolutely null and void, and not to Promiſſory Notes under 20*s.* void.

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be negotiable or transferrable, any Thing in an Act paſſed in the Thirty-ninth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, "An Act to reſtrain the Negotiation of Promiſſory Notes and "Inland Bills of Exchange, under a limited Sum," to the contrary notwithſtanding; and the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall iſſue the ſame ſhall forfeit the Sum of Ten Pounds for every ſuch Note or Undertaking ſo iſſued; and the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall give or take the ſame in Payment, after the ſaid Firſt Day of Auguſt, ſhall forfeit double the Amount of each ſuch Note or Undertaking to any Perſon who ſhall ſue for the ſame.

Bank Notes under Five Guineas iſſued before 1ſt Auguſt 1804, may be negotiated until 1ſt January 1805.

And whereas by an Act paſſed in the Forty-third Year of His Majeſty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to continue during the Reſtriction in Payment in Caſh by the Bank of *Ireland*, and to "amend an Act made in the Parliament of *Ireland* in the Thirty-"ninth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, "An "Act to reſtrain the Negotiation of Promiſſory Notes and Inland "Bills of Exchange, under a limited Sum; and alſo an Act "made in the Parliament of *Ireland* in the Fortieth Year of "His preſent Majeſty's Reign, to continue and amend the ſaid "Act;" it was Enacted, That all Promiſſory or other Notes or Undertakings in Writing, being negotiable or transferrable, for the Payment of any Sum or Sums of Money leſs than the Sum of Five Guineas, or on which any Sum leſs than Five Guineas ſhould remain undiſcharged, which ſhall be made or iſſued in *Ireland* at any Time from and after the Firſt Day of January One thouſand Eight hundred and Four, ſhall be abſolutely void and of no Effect, except Inland Bills of Exchange, Bank Poſt Bills, or Draughts in Writing, for any Sum not leſs than Three Guineas, which ſhall be iſſued under and by virtue of the ſaid recited Act of the Thirty-ninth Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, which ſaid Act was ſuſpended by an Act paſſed in this preſent Seſſion of Parliament until the Firſt Day of Auguſt One thouſand Eight hundred and Four, ſo far as is therein mentioned; BE it therefore Enacted, That nothing contained in this Act, or in any Act or Acts in force in *Ireland*, ſhall extend to prevent any Promiſſory or other Note or Undertaking in Writing, ſtamped according to Law, and drawn or iſſued by any regiſtered Banker or Bankers, for Payment of any Sum leſs than Five Guineas, and bearing Date and iſſued before the Firſt Day of Auguſt, One thouſand Eight hundred and Four, from being negotiated and transferred by any Perſon until the Firſt Day of January, One thouſand Eight hundred and Five, and no longer, or to ſubject ſuch Perſon to any Penalty for ſo doing; and if any Banker ſhall, after the Firſt Day of October, One thouſand Eight

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eight hundred and Four, re-iſſue or ſuffer to be re-iſſued any ſuch Note or Undertaking in Writing, drawn or iſſued before the ſaid Firſt Day of Auguſt One thouſand Eight hundred and Four, ſuch Banker, or other Perſon or Perſons in his, her, or their Behalf, re-iſſuing or cauſing the ſame to be re-iſſued as aforeſaid, ſhall for every ſuch Note or Undertaking in Writing ſo re-iſſued forfeit the Sum of Ten Pounds, and if any Perſon ſhall, after the ſaid Firſt
3 Day of January, One thouſand Eight hundred and Five, give or take in Payment any ſuch Note or Undertaking in Writing, he or ſhe ſhall forfeit Double the Value of the ſaid Note or Undertaking in Writing, to the Perſon who ſhall ſue for the ſame.

Penalties to be recovered by Civil Bill;

And be it further Enacted, That all Penalties impoſed and appointed by this Act, or any Act or Acts in force in *Ireland*, reſpecting the iſſuing, re-iſſuing, negotiating, or transferring Promiſſory or other Notes or Undertaking in Writing for any Sum leſs than Five Guineas, whatever may be the Amount thereof, ſhall be recovered by ſuch Perſon as ſhall ſue for the ſame by Civil Bill, or before any Juſtice of the Peace if ſuch Penalty ſhall not exceed Forty Shillings on the Oath of any one credible Witneſs; and every Juſtice of the Peace is hereby empowered, in caſe of Non-payment thereof, to iſſue his Warrant to levy the ſame by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Offender.

Act not to extend to the Bank of Ireland.

Provided always, and be it Enacted, That nothing in this Act contained ſhall extend or be conſtrued to extend to the Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland*, nor to any Inland Bill of Exchange, Bank Poſt Bill, or Draft in Writing for any Sum not leſs than Three Guineas, which ſhall or may be iſſued under the
5 ſaid recited Act of the Thirty-ninth Year of His Majeſty's Reign, ſubject nevertheleſs to the Regulations and Reſtrictions in the ſaid Act contained.

Act may be altered in this Seſſion.

And be it further Enacted, That this Act may be amended, altered, or repealed, by any Act or Acts to be paſſed in this preſent Seſſion of Parliament.

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